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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2172
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Hitoshi SEKINE, et al.) Examiner: F. I. Ehichioya
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Application No. 09/782,988)
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Filed: February 13, 2001)

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORING AND MANAGING DATA**

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